



## **What is ICLEI?**

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, or ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, is a global network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 100+ countries, they influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.

They work in cities, towns, and regions of all sizes, with varying capacities and challenges. They build and serve the movement of local governments pursuing deep reductions in carbon pollution and tangible improvements in sustainability and resilience. For more than 25 years, they have achieved results that have helped communities reduce emissions and become healthier, stronger, more equitable, and more prepared.

## **Why ICLEI?**

Joining ICLEI means connecting to more than 1,500 local and regional governments and gaining access to technical experts and a diverse community of partners, from businesses to financial institutions to intergovernmental bodies. Through these connections, ICLEI Members have access to fresh and innovative ideas and solutions from around the world. They work closely alongside ICLEI experts, benefiting from up-to-date information and expertise on anything from global sustainability policy to practical technical solutions.

Staff's primary interest in becoming an ICLEI member has to do with the climate action tools they provide. Which includes:

- **ClearPath™**: an all-in-one suite of online tools to complete greenhouse gas inventories, forecasts, and climate action plans.
- **ICLEI's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocols**: which provide a clear and consistent framework for communities to account for emissions that contribute to climate change. ICLEI's GHG Protocols are the national standards for local-scale accounting of emissions that contribute to climate change.
- **GHG Contribution Analysis**: Allows localities to perform their own GHG Contribution Analysis of the biggest drivers influencing GHG performance of communities. "Contribution Analysis" can offer insights into the many factors working for and against the intended outcome.

## **How much is ICLEI Membership (cost comparison)?**

The annual membership rate for local government is based on the gross national income per capita for your country and the population of your jurisdiction. For Albemarle County, the cost of ICLEI membership would be **\$1,750 annually**.

Alternatively, to just purchase a ClearPath™ license without an ICLEI membership would cost **\$7,500 annually**.

Upon signing up for membership Albemarle County would need to provide the names and full contact information for the paid local government staff person and the local elected official who you plan to designate as liaisons to ICLEI, and the name and full contact information for the person to whom invoices for membership/affiliation dues should be sent.